

FACT SHEET

REASSESSMENT OF DAA 30274 (LSC 11)

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (AHA) is designed to protect and preserve our State's unique Aboriginal heritage. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) is responsible for administering the AHA.

The Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC) is an advisory body established under the AHA for the purpose of evaluating on behalf of the community the importance and special significance of places and objects alleged to be associated with Aboriginal persons, and to decide whether a particular site is an Aboriginal site that requires protection under the AHA.

About DAA 30274:

DAA 30274 is reported as being an Aboriginal Song Cycle associated with a sacred narrative extending from Coulomb Point on the Dampier Peninsula through to the town of Broome.

Why is DAA 30274 being reassessed?

In 2012, DAA 30274 was assessed by the ACMC and determined not to be an Aboriginal site. This decision was made in reliance of guidelines that were challenged in the Supreme Court of Western Australia, and held to be inconsistent with the AHA. As a result of this decision, DAA has identified 35 places to be reassessed by the ACMC, including DAA 30274.

If DAA 30274 is assessed as an Aboriginal site does this affect my property ownership?

No. The purpose of the AHA is to protect Aboriginal heritage within Western Australia which does not affect property ownership.

What does it mean if DAA 30274 is assessed as an Aboriginal site?

If DAA 30274 is again assessed as being an Aboriginal site under the AHA, relevant land owners should seek the advice of DAA if they propose to undertake any activities within the boundary of DAA 30274.

If DAA 30274 is assessed as an Aboriginal site what sort of activities may require an approval under the AHA?

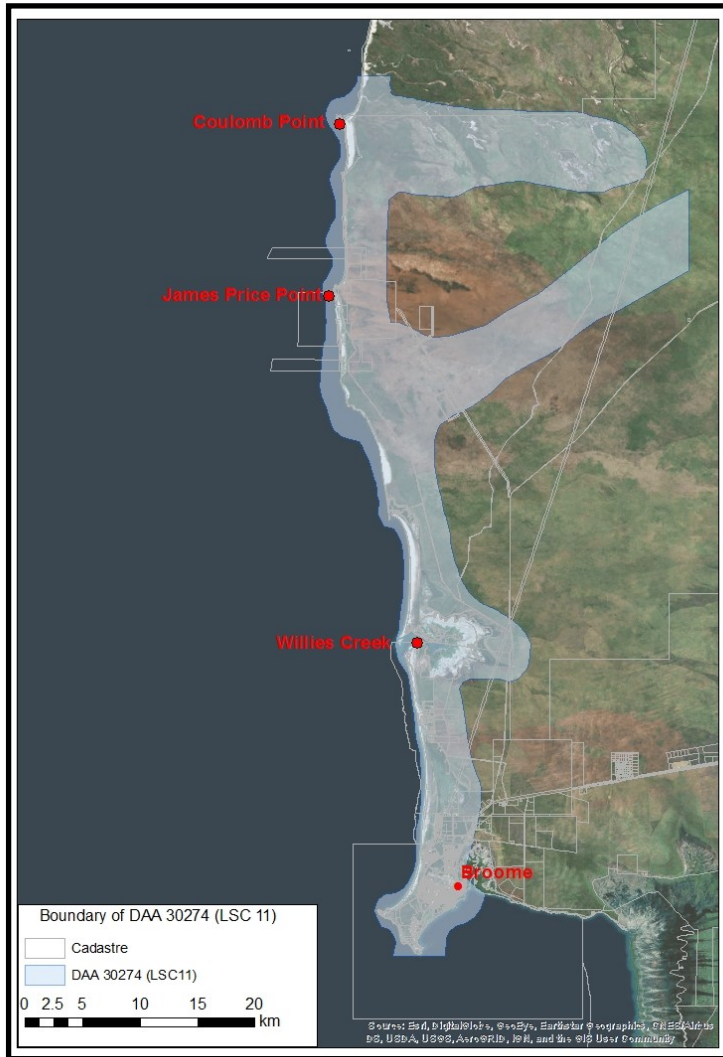
Proposed activities within the boundary of DAA 30274 that require approval from the Shire or State Government agencies *may* also require an approval under the AHA. If you are proposing an activity that requires an approval from the Shire or a State Government agency you should contact the DAA.

Activities associated with maintenance of properties, gardening and low impact activities will not require an approval under the AHA. Nor will recreational activities involving the use of public open space within the boundary of DAA 30274.

If DAA is assessed as being an Aboriginal site what will it mean for Broome?

Part of the attraction for locals and tourists in Broome is its history and diversity. It is important that Aboriginal heritage is protected. It provides Aboriginal people with a link to their past and non-Aboriginal people with the opportunity to learn more about the oldest continuing culture in the world.

Location of DAA 30274 (LSC 11):



Map 1. Location and extent of DAA 30274



Map 2. Location and extent of DAA 30274 over Broome

Further Information:

If you require further information on regarding the upcoming assessment of DAA 30274 please contact the Department of Aboriginal Affairs on 1300 651 077 or via email at submissions@daa.wa.gov.au



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